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SUBJECT: REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: A) GABORONE 2108; B) GABORONE 2110; C) STATE 288806;
D) GABORONE 2296; E) STATE 304443

1. IN RESPONSE TO \$20,000 REQUEST POSED IN REF D, REF E.
EXPLAINED THAT DISASTER RELIEF FUND COULD NOT BE USED.
WE ARE LEFT WITH ONE OTHER POSSIBILITY FOR FUNDING REFUGEE
ASSISTANCE IN BOTSWANA.
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2. FYI: PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION UNDER THE MIGRATION
AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1962 AS AMENDED, WHICH IF
APPROVED, WOULD ENABLE U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE DOLLARS ONE
MILLION TO UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES
IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES OF REVIEW. IF AND WHEN APPROVED A

PORTION OF THAT MIGHT BE EARMARKED FOR BOTSWANA. BASED ON THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ORM WOULD RECOMMEND THAT UNHCR SET ASIDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR USE IN BOTSWANA. THIS EARMARKING PROCEDURE WOULD INDICATE TO THE GOB THE SINCERITY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR REFUGEE PROBLEM. OUR CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE PART OF \$3.25 MILLION UNHCR FUND FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND.

END FYI.

3. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNHCR AND GOB WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEE EDUCATION ACTIVITY IN LIGHT OF APPARENTLY SMOOTHER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNHCR AND GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND.

4. AS POST AWARE WE ARE CONSIDERING OTHER WAYS OF ASSISTING BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT PERHAPS WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE REFUGEE PROBLEM.
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